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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 156)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the delivery of, access to, and coordination
2 and continuity of certain mental health, disability, and
3 substance use disorder services.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 DIVISION I
2 MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITY, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES
3 — WORKGROUPS

4 Section 1. WORKGROUP — MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITY, AND
5 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES. The department of human
6 services shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to make
7 recommendations relating to the delivery of, access to, and
8 coordination and continuity of mental health, disability,
9 and substance use disorder services for individuals with
10 complex mental health, disability, and substance use disorder
11 needs. The workgroup shall be comprised of representatives
12 from community mental health centers, crisis response service
13 providers, law enforcement agencies, the national alliance on
14 mental illness, the Iowa hospital association, the judicial
15 system, managed care organizations, mental health and
16 disability services regions, and other entities as appropriate.
17 The workgroup shall submit a report with recommendations to the
18 governor and general assembly by December 1, 2017.

19 Sec. 2. REGIONAL WORKGROUP — MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY
20 REGIONAL SERVICES.

21 1. The regional administrators of each mental health and
22 disability services region shall collaborate to designate
23 an entity to convene a stakeholder workgroup to meet on a
24 regular basis, beginning July 1, 2017, to create collaborative
25 policies and processes relating to the delivery of, access
26 to, and continuity of services for individuals with complex
27 mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs.
28 Each region shall provide an assessment of such individuals
29 with complex needs within each region in order to determine
30 which additional core services are necessary in each region to
31 meet the needs of such individuals, as resources allow. Each
32 region shall review resources currently available and options
33 for combining funds across the regions and shall consider
34 providing additional core services in their own region or
35 partnering with one or more other regions to provide additional

1 core services to serve such individuals. The workgroup shall
 2 be comprised of representatives from hospitals, emergency
 3 departments, psychiatric units, the judicial system, law
 4 enforcement agencies, managed care organizations, mental health
 5 providers, crisis service providers, substance abuse providers,
 6 the national alliance on mental illness, and other entities as
 7 appropriate.

8 2. Each mental health and disability services region
 9 shall submit a community service plan to the department of
 10 human services by October 2, 2017. The plan shall include
 11 planning and implementation time frames and assessment tools
 12 for determining the effectiveness of the plan in achieving the
 13 department's identified outcomes for success in the delivery
 14 of, access to, and coordination and continuity of services
 15 for individuals with complex mental health, disability, and
 16 substance use disorder needs.

17 3. The department shall submit a report to the governor
 18 and general assembly by December 1, 2018, providing a summary
 19 of services implemented by each mental health and disability
 20 services region and an assessment of each region in achieving
 21 the department's identified outcomes for success.

22 DIVISION II

23 BED TRACKING SYSTEM

24 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PSYCHIATRIC BED
 25 TRACKING SYSTEM. The department of human services shall amend
 26 its administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to require
 27 the state mental health institutes and hospitals licensed
 28 to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment and services to
 29 participate in the psychiatric bed tracking system and to
 30 ensure updates are made, at a minimum, two times per day to
 31 the psychiatric bed tracking system. Updates shall include
 32 information on the availability of inpatient child, adult,
 33 and geriatric psychiatric beds staffed and available and
 34 information on the gender that can be accepted for each
 35 available bed.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 Division I of the bill requires the department of
5 human services to convene a stakeholder workgroup to make
6 recommendations relating to the delivery of, access to, and
7 coordination and continuity of mental health and disability
8 services for individuals with complex mental health,
9 disability, and substance use disorder needs based upon
10 recommendations proposed by the department. The workgroup
11 shall be comprised of representatives from community mental
12 health centers, crisis response service providers, law
13 enforcement agencies, the national alliance on mental illness,
14 the Iowa hospital association, the judicial system, managed
15 care organizations, mental health and disability services
16 regions, and other entities as appropriate. The bill directs
17 the workgroup to submit a report with recommendations to the
18 governor and general assembly by December 1, 2017.

19 Division I also directs the regional administrators of each
20 mental health and disability services region to collaborate
21 to designate an entity to convene a stakeholder workgroup to
22 meet on a regular basis, beginning July 1, 2017, to create
23 collaborative policies and processes relating to the delivery
24 of, access to, and continuity of services for individuals
25 with complex mental health, disability, and substance use
26 disorder needs. Each region shall provide an assessment of
27 such individuals with complex needs within each region in order
28 to determine which additional core services are necessary in
29 each region to meet the needs of such individuals as resources
30 allow. Each region shall review resources currently available
31 and options for combining funds across the regions and shall
32 consider providing additional core services in their own region
33 or partnering with one or more regions to provide additional
34 core services to serve such individuals. The division sets
35 out the members of the workgroup. The division directs the

1 workgroup to submit a community service plan to the department
2 of human services by October 2, 2017. The report must include
3 planning and implementation time frames and assessment tools
4 for determining the effectiveness of the plan in achieving the
5 department's identified outcomes for success. The division
6 directs the department of human services to submit a report
7 to the governor and general assembly by December 1, 2018,
8 providing a summary of services implemented by each mental
9 health and disability services region and an assessment of each
10 region in achieving the department's identified outcomes for
11 success.

12 Division II of the bill relates to the psychiatric bed
13 tracking system. The division directs the department of human
14 services to amend its administrative rules to require the state
15 mental health institutes and hospitals licensed to provide
16 inpatient psychiatric treatment and services to participate
17 in the psychiatric bed tracking system and to ensure updates
18 are made, at a minimum, two times per day to the psychiatric
19 bed tracking system. The updates shall include information
20 on the availability of inpatient child, adult, and geriatric
21 psychiatric beds staffed and available and information on the
22 gender that can be accepted for each available bed.